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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 20.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace.
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GOV. CLEGHORN FOR RELIEF BILL

Clear Views on Pressing Needs of This Ter- ritory.

"I am both surprised and sorry to see that a small portion of the public and the press is opposing the suspension of the Coastwise Laws," stated Governor Cleghorn yesterday. "In their opposition, from whatever cause it arises, they are opposing the vital interests of the Territory for a few ship owners who have shown the Territory little consideration. Open ships with regard to passenger traffic means more passengers for the American ships, in the long run, and much more freight. The application of the Coastwise Laws to Hawaii is a gross absurdity and something which was never intended when the laws were passed.

"In my opinion there is nothing now so detrimental to the advancement of these Islands as the present shipping laws. We are losing tourists, we are losing the money we are spending to develop a tourist traffic and we are losing trade. These laws were passed a hundred years ago and were intended to be what the name implies, 'Coastwise' laws. The ones who passed the laws never in the wildest stretches of their imaginations contemplated overseas possessions and there never was any contemplation of the extension of these laws over two thousand miles of the Pacific to places off the mainland. I do not know another country in the world that has such an absurd construction on a law.

"It is not the part of little Hawaii to strut around as the great upholder either of the principles of protection or of the flag. When the heads of the Republican party admit the injustice of the law there is no call upon us to tell them that they are mistaken and that our loyalty to the flag and our convictions on the principles of the party forbid us accepting what would be given us. In taking that position we are not only ungrateful but ludicrous and are doing ourselves an injustice for the sake of a silly pose.

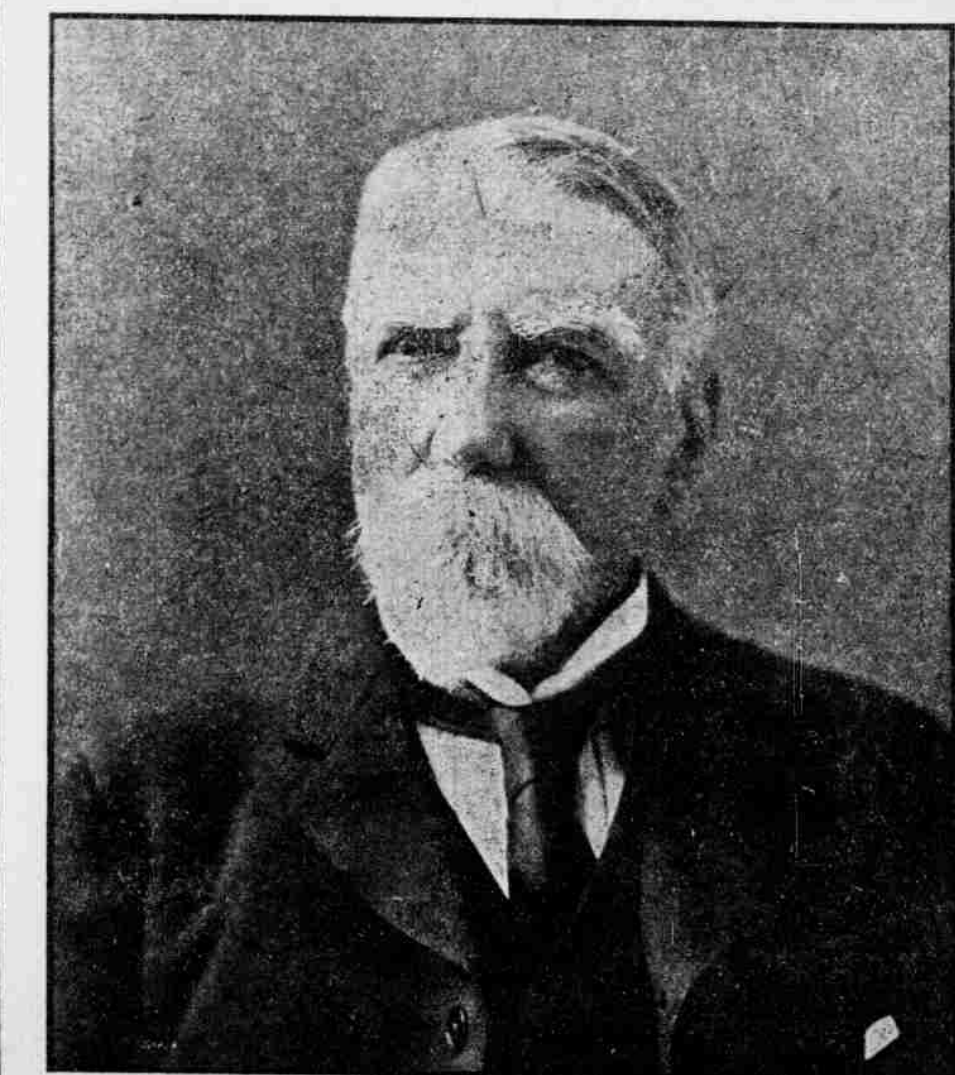
"I have talked on this question with the members of the Congressional party, with Secretary Straus, with Secretary Garfield, with Mr. Newell, with Commissioner Loomis, who is to be Assistant Secretary of State, and with others in authority, and each one of them has admitted the injustice of the present (Continued on Page Two.)

HIS MIND A BLANK FOR FOURTEEN LONG YEARS

Hit on the Head in 1895, Revolutionist James Lane Was Insane Until Tuesday When Relieved by an Operation.

James Lane, one of the band of Hawaiians who participated in the '95 uprising when Charles Carter was killed at Diamond Head, and who was among the prisoners taken to the police station where he received an injury to his skull which mentally incapacitated him, was operated on last Tuesday morning, and the pressure of a portion of the skull upon the brain has not only been eliminated but the patient is almost in his normal condition.

For the past thirteen years Mr. Lane has been confined to his home, under restraint at all times, his mind a blank as to what was going on around him. The injury to his skull is said to have been caused by blows on the head with the butt of a rifle. The skull was fractured. An operation was performed years ago, but the pressure was not altogether removed. Dr. O'Day performed another operation last Tuesday removing the outer and inner surfaces of the skull entirely, leaving an open



FORMER GOVERNOR CLEGHORN.

BONINE FILMS AT BIG FAIR

Also Some Hawaiian Fishes if They Can Be Kept Alive.

Three thousand two hundred feet of moving-picture films and not less than 240 lantern slides of scenes in the Hawaiian Islands will be used to illustrate lectures and talks on the Islands at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition this summer. The films and slides will be furnished by R. K. Bonine, the moving-picture expert, the matter being settled at a meeting of the Exposition Commissioners held yesterday afternoon.

It was decided that for a forty-minute lecture in the auditorium, which will be controlled by the United States government and allotted to the various exhibitors, that at least sixty slides and 800 feet of film could be used for each lecture. It may be that more film will be used but 800 feet will be the minimum contracted for by the commissioners. It is expected that lectures will be made not only by Lloyd Childs, who will be in charge of Hawaii's exhibit at the exposition, but by Honolulu visitors. Commissioner Knudsen expressed his willingness to speak and there is assurance of a volunteer force of able speakers who will present Hawaii's scenic attractions, her varied industries and healthful climate to the anticipated large audiences.

Messrs. Morgan and Childs were appointed a committee to make a report (Continued on Page Five.)

MUNICIPAL TEST CASE IN SIGHT

Board's Action Tonight Will Probably Open Way for Court Decision.

The various matters in dispute between His Honor and the Supervisors will probably reach a court proceeding stage by tomorrow or Saturday. Whether all the points at issue can be covered with one suit or not is one of the things yet to be learned. Tonight the Supervisors consider the Mayor's veto of their appropriation bill, and, although by subsequent action the board has acknowledged the propriety of some of the vetoing reasons, it is a certainty that the majority will override the Mayor's disapproval and bring the ordinance into force.

Then the various salaries arranged for by the Supervisory committees and the various salaries arranged for by the Mayor in his appointments will be demanded and the demands will be duly considered by the City Fathers. Those of the Republican stripe will be duly (Continued on Page Two.)

JJI CONTINUES TO ABUSE THE PLANTERS

"Are there any more inhuman and cold-blooded than the Hawaiian planters?" asks the Nippon Jiji, in its issue yesterday, answering its own query in its own particular way, continuing: "We think not. We shall never find more covetous people than they in the whole world. The most pitiable people are those who are employed by these planters, who forget the kindnesses and the help of others. The ones who most deserve sympathy in this world are the resident Japanese laborers."

The Jiji gives an alleged list of comparison of the wage scales of the different nationalities represented among the plantation laborers; dwells on the destitution to be found in the Japanese plantation camps, and hands out the usual compliments to its contemporaries of traitors, dogs and spies.

"Why do not the planters raise the wages?" it demands. "How can they answer the charges against them of avarice, inhumanity and cold-heartedness?"

That the present anti-Japanese agitation in California is a part of a long-distance plot on the part of the planters is a grave assurance of the Jiji, who refers to that part of the nefarious conduct of the Hawaiian planters as "treading down the treaty rights of the Japanese and treating us as they do the Chinese," while President Roosevelt, himself, comes in for the censure of the Japanese paper, his enforcement of the restriction clause of the immigration law being styled "an unlawful mandate."

The Federal grand jury did not call any witnesses in the Japanese agitation matter yesterday, but action on the part of the jury is expected within a short time.

ZIP! BOOM! KONOHI! BANG!

Chinese New Year Born Amid Bursting Bombs and Firecrackers.

Whatever stray devils may have been lurking throughout Chinatown at midnight were properly driven out and their power for evil fumigated with the million or so of firecrackers, bombs and other smoky noisemakers squibbed, exploded and set off during the first few minutes of the first year of the reign of Pu Yi, the same being the twenty-four hundred and sixtieth of Confucius. Konoahi arrived on the dot and Chinatown and a goodly portion of the rest of the city knew it. Miles of firecrackers, bushels of squibs, hundreds of bombs and more than the usual number of bursting sky rockets made the night one of jollity and racket.

There were more haoles throughout the Oriental quarters for the first jubiliations of the new year than possibly any former such occasion in the city; automobiles ran the gauntlet of fire up and down Hotel, Maunakea, King and Beretania streets, hacks drawn by terrified and plunging horses dashed through the firing lines and pedestrians in quite large numbers clustered on the least bombarded corners to watch the interesting proceedings. The corner of Maunakea and Hotel streets was perhaps the noise center, and there, immediately after midnight, the roar of the firecrackers, dangling in great ropes from nearly every window and spluttering in their fiery throes, was ear-splitting. In every quarter of the city where there is a Chinese family, there

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CARD FOR KONOHI.

were firecrackers, but nowhere else to the extent of the heart of the Chinese section downtown. There, after the bombardment, the streets were ankle deep in frazzled red papers, and the fact that no fire alarms were turned in was one of the inappreciable annual things about the konoahi affairs.

The police were fairly well represented on the Chinatown streets, and whenever an over-zealous celebrator could be found lighting overgrown bombs he was stopped and had to go round the corner to make his noise. The Chinamen took the interference with their joy-making very agreeably, apparently, and otherwise paid little attention to it. There were no accidents reported.

This morning the various club houses will receive New Year callers. The United Chinese Society, on King street, will hold a reception from ten o'clock until one this afternoon, while the Quon On, on Maunakea street, the Kok On Fui and the Bo Leong Sai, on Kukui street, the Chinese Reform Association, on King, and others will keep open house and dispense liehis and melon-seeds to all and sundry. The Wing Lok Hon (Fishermen), on Maunakea street; the Pak Yee Hon (dressmakers), on Smith street; the Kam Yee Hon (tailors), on Vineyard, and the other trade (Continued on Page Five.)

SAN FRANCISCO AND A PART OF THE STATE IN GRIP OF GREAT STORM

Torrential Rains Falling in Central and North- ern California--Los Angeles Wants Mayor Recalled.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN FRANCISCO, January 21.—The severest rainstorm which has visited this Coast in seven years, accompanied by a terrific gale, broke upon this city last night, cutting off wire communications for several hours. Torrential rains are falling over the central and northern parts of the State, and washouts are probable. Trains are greatly delayed, and by tomorrow may be stalled in the Sacramento valley.

SACRAMENTO, January 21.—Car service here has been suspended for several hours because of the storm.

LOS ANGELES WOULD GET RID OF ITS MAYOR

LOS ANGELES, January 21.—A mass meeting, held last night, voted to recall Mayor Harper for misconduct in office. He is charged with protecting vice.

[The referendum and recall is in operation in California and the latter power was used about two years ago in an effort, which proved abortive, to displace Mayor Waterhouse of Pasadena.]

VOLCANIC ERUPTION SETS LAKE WATERS FREE

MANILA, January 21.—News of the eruption of Mt. Lagnas is confirmed. The activity of the volcano released the waters of a mountain lake.

FIFTY-THREE LIVES LOST IN NEW WATER TUNNEL

CHICAGO, January 21.—Fifty-three men are dead from the results of an explosion in the crib of the new water tunnel connecting Chicago with the lake.

CALIFORNIA MAY ADOPT WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEASURE

SACRAMENTO, January 21.—The Constitutional Committee of the Senate has reported in favor of a woman's suffrage amendment.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

TOKIO, January 21.—Premier Katsura opened the Diet yesterday with a speech in which he referred to the cordial foreign relations of the empire.

JAP-BAITING POSTPONED.

SACRAMENTO, January 20.—The Assembly today postponed the consideration of Japanese legislation for one week.

STOCK AND BOND MARKET STILL STRONG

The midweek trades on the stock and bond exchange indicate that there is no falling away from the upward tendency in prices inaugurated with the New Year. On Tuesday and yesterday, Clax sold up to five dollars, an advance of .25 over the opening figures. Seven hundred shares changed hands on Tuesday, while another lot of forty brought the same even figure yesterday. Brewer has advanced on the announcement of the increased dividend, one hundred and fifty shares yesterday selling at \$23, an advance of three dollars over Monday's figure, while 23½ is now asked. McElyde dropped off an eighth, although no news from Kauai except that of a minor strike, quickly settled, and a small cane fire could have had any effect on the value of the stock. O. R. & L. is leading the way in advances, being held now at \$130, Tuesday's sales of three blocks of 35, 40 and 10 shares being made at \$125, a jump of five

MILITARY ESCORT FOR ALMY'S PENHOLDERS

"I was quite flustered," said U. S. Commissioner Almy yesterday, "when a United States wagon drawn by four mules, with four soldiers and a paymaster aboard, drew up in front of my office and deposited a small box on my counter, which came all the way from Washington. If the soldiers had worn sidearms I might have thought they came on a different errand. That box, brought with all this ceremony, contained a pad of penholders, an eraser sharpener, a bottle of ink and a few other accessories which will keep the Commissioner's office supplied for the new fiscal half year. If the department ever sends me a new office chair, I shall expect to have it delivered by the Fifth Cavalry."

points. Ewa is quiet this week, although it has been up until now one of the most traded in stocks.